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1. UK EMBOFF (EDWARD GLOVER) HAS INDICATED TO JOHN NORTON

MOORE THAT HIGH OFFICIALS IN UK FONOFF EXPECTED TO STOP IN PHILIPPINES SHORTLY AND MEET WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS. GLOVER RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ISSUE OF ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS NEGOTIATION RAISED AND IF SO WHAT THE APPROACH SHOULD BE. HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED OF ANY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS NEGOTIATION WITH THE PHILIPPINES.

2. VISIT OF HIGH UK OFFICIAL TO PHILIPPINES WOULD SEEM USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN RAISE ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS ISSUES AND TO DEMONSTRATE COORDINATION OF MARITIME POWERS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY TO HIGH UK LOS OFFICIAL, PREFERABLY SIR ROGER JACKLING OR HARRY DUDGEON, THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE UK RAISE THE ISSUE WITH MARCOS ON UPCOMING VISIT OF UK OFFICIAL TO THE PHILIPPINES. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO CONVEY THAT, IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY GLOVER AS TO MOST APPROPRIATE MESSAGE, WE WOULD SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

(A) PHILIPPINES HAS AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY AT UPCOMING GENEVA SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE TO HAVE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY.

(B) MARITIME POWERS ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE PROVIDED THE ARCHIPELAGIC STATES AND MARITIME POWERS CAN REACH EARLY AGREEMENT ON ARCHIPELAGIC TRANSIT THROUGH ARCHIPELAGIC SEALANES AND MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF STRAITS. IN THIS CONNECTION UK HAS BEEN COORDINATING ITS POSITION CLOSELY WITH THAT OF THE U.S. AND OTHER MAJOR MARITIME POWERS AND HOPES THAT THE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE U.S., ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME POWERS, AND THE PHILIPPINES CAN BE SPEEDED UP.

(C) MARITIME POWERS HOPE TO BE ABLE TO WORK MUTUALLY WITH THE PHILIPPINES TO SUPPORT THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE AT GENEVA. TO BE ABLE TO DO SO, HOWEVER, WE MUST PROTECT OUR NAVIGATIONAL INTERESTS IN TRANSIT OF ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS AND STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION.

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(D) U.K., LIKE THE PHILIPPINES, IS BOTH A STRAIT STATE AND A MARITIME STATE. IN THIS CONNECTION IT HAS INTRODUCED A COMPROMISE STRAITS ARTICLE AT CARACAS AND U.K. WOULD HOPE THAT THE PHILIPPINES COULD SUPPORT THESE ARTICLES.

4. U.K. OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON ALL THREE

ASPECTS OF ARCHIPELAGO AGREEMENT, PROMISING STATE OF
US-INDONESIA AND US-BAHAMAS ARCHIPELAGO TALKS, AND
ESSENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING OVERFLIGHT AND SUB-
MERGED TRANSIT THROUGH ARCHIPELAGIC SEALANES AND STRAITS.

5. FINALLY, EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY THAT U.S. ARCHIPELAGO
TEAM HEADED BY JOHN NORTON MOORE WILL BE MEETING WITH
BAHAMAS TEAM IN NASSAU ON JANUARY 27 AND 28 IN AN EFFORT
TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE BAHAMAS AND WE WILL KEEP U.K.
CLOSELY INFORMED. KISSINGER

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